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March 15, 2012

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.  
Director

SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO SOLE  
SOURCE CONTRACTS WITH SEVENTEEN (17) EXISTING LEGAL  
ENTITY CONTRACTORS**

This memorandum is to comply with the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, Section 5.100, Sole Source contract, notifying the Board of our need to initiate Sole Source Contracts. It is the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to enter into sole source contract negotiations with seventeen (17) existing legal entity contractors for the delivery of enhanced integrated mental health services in school health centers and/or on school campuses (attachment). The proposed pro-rated 3-month Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 allocations for these legal entities will be \$2,223,431. The annualized allocations will be \$8,893,722, funded by Assembly Bill (AB) 100 Realignment in the amount of \$3,018,861, Federal Financial Participation (FFP) revenue in the amount of \$3,494,861, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) match of \$476,000, \$1,428,000 MHSA funds for indigent services, and Community Outreach Services in the amount of \$476,000.

The seventeen (17) legal entity contractors have the unique capacity to provide ongoing behavioral health services to populations in underserved areas. By implementing this plan in each supervisorial district, the Department intends to further the County's goal of improving health and mental health outcomes by promoting and implementing proven service models and prevention principles. DMH intends to partner with school districts, private providers, and community-based organizations to ensure optimal integration of county-funded services provided at, or linked to, schools throughout Los Angeles County.

School-based health centers are a proven cost effective means for providing a range of quality health care services to children, adolescents, and at-risk youth and preventing worsened chronic conditions, inappropriate emergency room use and avoidable hospitalizations. Other counties, such as Alameda County, have developed similar models that demonstrate the improvement of mental health outcomes and child readiness to learn when youth receive appropriate integrated health and mental health services at a school-based health center site.

The proposed program is designed to advance the Integrated School Health Center (ISHC), the integrated school-based mental health services plan goals, and to provide continuous access to services that will:

- Provide care for students and/or their families;
- Provide care for members of the local communities;
- Determine and meet an individual's most critical needs at facilities that deliver an ideal mix of behavioral health, dental, medical, and public health services (such as wellness, education, and prevention) on a school campus or in an easily accessible alternate location on or near a school campus;
- Establish standards for a higher level of clinical practice, effectiveness, and demonstrate continuous quality improvement;
- Enable the achievement of better health and behavioral health-related outcomes for children and families by delivering integrated behavioral health and primary care; and
- Introduce evidence-based mental health practices.

Expanding the sole source contracts with seventeen (17) existing legal entity contractors builds upon the ongoing relationships between specific schools and mental health providers. The challenging process of establishing relationships between schools and mental health providers requires that DMH honor existing collaborative relationships that have previously been formalized with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or an operational agreement. Since these providers have existing relationships that have developed and successfully evolved over the past several years, they have well defined policies in place to facilitate referrals and hasten the delivery of mental health services in areas/school campuses that are markedly underserved. Moreover, the legal entities selected to participate in the ISHC plan are highly qualified as they are currently successfully delivering evidence-based practices (EBPs) appropriate to the identified needs of the communities in which the ISHC will be located. Since the mental health professionals associated with the identified legal entities have received training in multiple EBPs, these staff are uniquely qualified to identify treatment strategies to address initial mental health concerns and prevent mental health issues from becoming more severe and/or requiring longer, more intensive treatment.

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Unless otherwise instructed by a Board office within two (2) weeks, DMH will proceed with negotiating the expansion of the sole source contracts with the seventeen (17) existing legal entity contractors and will collaborate closely with both the Office of the County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office in preparing the contracts.

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Attachment

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**County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health  
Integrated School Health Center, – Mental Health Planning Matrix**  
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Supervisory District	School(s) / Unified School District	MHSA Net Funding Allocated	Proposed MH Providers	Health Provider(s)	Contract Mechanism
First	1. Roosevelt High School/ Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)	\$500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VIP</li> <li>• California Hispanic Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CHCADA)</li> <li>• Alma Family Services</li> </ul>	TBD	Amendment under delegated authority
	2. John C. Fremont High School/ LAUSD *		Special Service for Groups (SSG)	University Muslim Medical Association (UMMA)	Amendment under delegated authority
Second	3. Hyde Park Elementary/LAUSD	\$500,000	LAUSD Mental Health	St. John's	Amendment under delegated authority
	4. Locke High School/LAUSD *		LAUSD Mental Health & Shields	Watts Healthcare Foundation	Amendment under delegated authority
	5. Manual Arts High School/LAUSD *		LA Child Guidance Center & LAUSD Mental Health	St. John's	Amendment under delegated authority
	6. Washington Prep High School/LAUSD *		SSG & LAUSD Mental Health	St. John's	Amendment under delegated authority
Third	7. Monroe High School/LAUSD *	\$500,000	Child & Family Guidance	Valley Community Clinic	Amendment under delegated authority
	8. Hollywood High School/LAUSD *		Saban Free Clinic	Saban Free Clinic	Board Letter

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Fourth	9. Fedde Middle School/ABC USD	\$500,000	Helpline & Masada Homes	Tri-City Medical Center + school nurses	Board Letter for Helpline; amendment under delegated authority for Masada
	10. East Whittier Middle School/East Whittier City School District (SD)		Enki Health and Research Systems, Inc.	California Family Health Centers	Amendment under delegated authority
	11. Pioneer High School/Whittier Union High SD		Pacific Clinics	Presbyterian Hospital van (once per month)	Amendment under delegated authority
	12. Whittier High School/ Whittier Union High SD		The Whole Child	Presbyterian Hospital van (once per month)	Amendment under delegated authority
Fifth	13. Child & Family Center of Santa Clarita/N/A	\$500,000	Child & Family Center of Santa Clarita	Probably not available	Amendment under delegated authority
	14. Daisy Gibson School (K-6)-Keppel SD		Penny Lane	Antelope Valley Community Clinic (Care-a-Van)	Amendment under delegated authority
	15. Lake Los Angeles School (K-8)/Keppel SD		The Children's Center of Antelope Valley	Antelope Valley Community Clinic (Care-a-Van)	Amendment under delegated authority
	16. Littlerock High School/Antelope Valley Joint Union High SD		Child & Family Guidance Center (SFV)	Antelope Valley Community Clinic (Care-a-Van)	Amendment under delegated authority

\* LAUSD Community Wellness Center